THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Thursday, 13th April 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONS

†Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—Sir, I want to make a request to the Speaker. Sir, This morning we have been subjected to a kind of embarrassment wherever we go in respect of a piece of news appearing in the local daily referring to an incident alleged to have been taken place in the Legislators' Home and one of our Hon'ble Colleagues is stated to have been involved in this. I need not make a lengthy speech with regard to this matter. If the allegation referred to in the news papers is true, it is a matter for which we have to bow down our heads. I request the Chief Minister through you and I request you as the Speaker of this House and who is the guardian of the prestige of the whole House, to investigate into the matter and whoever may be the offender, he must be brought to book; otherwise, our status and prestige in life will be seriously endangered. Sir, I am not making this statement as a Member of the Opposition. If this had happened even from our side, I would have been the first to bring this to light. We hear all kinds of rumours and conjectures and even people placed in high places are involved in hushing up this. I wish that all this is untrue. So, whether the offender belongs to members of the ruling party or the members of the opposition, it is necessary to maintain the prestige and the status of the Assembly as a whole and the individual Members. I wish that this matter is not treated lightly and necessary investigation has got to be done and justice secured so that we may vindicate ourselves before the public. In fact, whether we are in the bus stands or hotels or in the guest houses, it has become the talk of the day. I hope Government will take cognizance of this and do whatever is necessary to book the offender and release the public from the anxiety.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Sir, I do not know if we can draw all the members into this in this manner. If I remember right, the Deccan Herald and Praja Vani have not said that Members of the House are involved. They only refer to some incident that is alleged to have taken place in the Legislators' Home. By drawing the members, are we not making a mistake unless the paper says that a Member is involved in this?

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, unless it is a member, what else it could be, because it is only Members that stay there? Unless the Speaker has permitted, a non-member cannot occupy the Legislators' Home. I hope the whole thing is untrue. But is it not necessary that we take cognisance of this matter?

Sri. C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Sir, Tai Nadu paper has also made a reference to this incident. It says, blood and rupture was there. It amounts to a breach of privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Muckannappa for God's sake let him not believe the news papers only. They might have published whatever they have heard.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—It amounts to breach of privilege because the Legislators' Home is under your direct control.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We shall see what action could be taken if it is a matter of breach of privilege.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—In Tai Nadu it is stated clearly that there was blood and rupture and members of the Assembly are involved.

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, no. The 'Tai Nadu' refers to the incident which the correspondent of that paper might have come to know.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—How can the correspondent, if he has not enough matter before him, involve the members of this House? That is a serious news; it has to be enquired into.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We do not know what happened. After all, we got this news only through the news papers in the morning and we have to verify the whole thing.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Unless they are able specifically to prove that Members are involved, it amounts to a breach of privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER.—After all, the incident has been reported in the Papers today morning and we have to verify the whole fact and after verifying the whole fact, I will be in a position to say whether there is a breach of privilege on the part of the papers or not.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I would not have raised this issue. I am told that the Hon'ble Home Minister is stated to have sent for the Inspector General of Police and investigation is already started in all seriousness and it is not merely in the range of news character, but serious notice of it is taken of it, and there is a sufficient warrant for instituting a regular enquiry.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is a fact and investigation is going on.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—We have not got any such fear that the Government are hushing up or trying to avoid all these enquiries. The Paper said that the Inspector General of Police and also the Deputy Inspector General of Police are investigating but the public talk is that

if they are favoured people, it will be hushed up. But I am sure and I do not believe that such things will not be entertained by any Minister or by any Government. This requires the urgent attention of this Government and it is a serious matter.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please give an opportunity to the Chief Minister to speak.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.— The Chief Minister is not at all concerned and he does not know about it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Why does he presume like that?

†Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—Hon'ble Members should not unnecessarily draw presumptions. What Hon'ble Sri Mallaradhya has said just now is that news has appeared in the Press. Before this news has appeared in the Press, the Government got information and immediately the Minister in charge of the Home Department has started investigating the case. He has entrusted to some special officers to find out what the truth is. It appears there was some incident, but it may not be correct to say whether legislators are involved or not. Unless the investigation is complete, it may be premature for us to come to some conclusion or to draw some presumptions. I think within two or three days definite investigations will be made and we will definitely know as to who are the persons and whether the incident is correct or not. Nobody is trying to hush up any matter. No important person ever tried to see that any matter is hushed up. We will see everything is investigated and proper enquiry is made and all the matters are placed befere the House if necessary.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—How can strangers get into the Legislators' Home?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—He presume that in the Legislators' Home only legislators are to stay. But there are a number of servants there. Are they legislators? If they have committed any mistake, are they to be called as Legislators? Can we come to this conclusion? It is no use presuming that legislators have done mischief. There are servants and others. Can you come to the conclusion all of a sudden that legislators are the people concerned. It is not correct.

Papers laid on the table.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—I lay on the Table Order No. RD, 47 GST 60, dated 1st April, 1961, (Remission of Stamp Duty chargeable) as required under sub-section (2) of section 9 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1957.